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SUBJECT: PAN AFRICAN AIR INDUSTRIES (PAAI): BACKGROUND
UPDATE

REFS: A. LAGOS 3121; B. STATE 76 294487

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO YOU SEVERAL MESSAGES CONTAINING
FINANCIAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON PAAI DEVELOPED IN
COURSE OF OUR EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMPANY AND
ITS MAJOR BACKERS.

2. PAAI IS A PRIVATE, LEGITIMATE, PROFIT-SEEKING
COMPANY AND NOT RPT NOT A "CIA FRONT ORGANIZATION".
BACKERS ASSERT THAT NO RPT NO OFFICER OR SHAREHOLDER HAS
EVER HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH CIA.

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3. FYI. AF/W RECALLS THAT DUTCH CITIZEN VON GLAHN WAS
MANAGER OF ARAX AIRLINES AT IKEJA AIRPORT IN LAGOS BEFORE
ARAX'S AMERICAN INVESTORS SOLD OUT TO NIGERIANS. VON
GLAHN THEREFORE VERY FAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN-OWNED PAN
AFRICAN AIRLINES (NIGERIA) LTD., ALSO BASED AT IKEJA,
WHICH HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH PAAI BUT WHICH HAS BEEN

SUBJECT IN PAST OF SPECULATION THAT IT HAS HAD CONNECTIONS
WITH CIA (SEE 76 STATE 175609 NOTAL). ACCORDING ROCKWELL

INTERNATIONAL, VON GLAHN RECEIVES NO MONEY FROM ROCKWELL
AND TECHNICALLY IS NOT A COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE (A
CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TWO HAVING EXPIRED), BUT ROCKWELL IS
AWARE THAT HE CONTINUES TO USE ROCKWELL NAME AND
PRESUMABLY WOULD PAY HIM COMMISSION IF SALE CONSUMMATED
(SEE STATE 020386, PAR 5, NOTAL).

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CURIOUS TO KNOW IF RUMOR SPREAD
BY VON GLAHN HAVING ANY EFFECT IN NIGERIA. SO FAR AS
WE KNOW, PAAI IS UNKNOWN THERE, AND UNFOUNDED RUMOR
ABOUT "PAN AFRICAN" WOULD TEND DISCREDIT LOCAL COMPANY,
NOT PAAI.

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